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### PROSPECTIVE.

The experience of the past, three or four years has not been wasted by the farmers and planters of Washington and adjoining counties. They have at last discovered that, although cotton is about the only article that they can produce which will bring money, it does not pay to raise all cotton and buy bacon and flour. The consequence is that nearly every farmer in this county has turned a part of his attention to hog raising; and by procuring improved breeds of swine and giving them a little care, has, this season, been enabled to raise an abundant supply of that very requisite article, pork. We are warranted in venturing the assertion that nearly, if not all, the meat required for consumption at home the present year has been made in the county. In this respect a great revolution has been accomplished. The people are now in a condition to "live at home." No matter what may be the price of cotton, we are sure that we will have something to eat.

The season opens very favorably, the weather is fine, farming operations are active, and we are pleased to learn from numerous sources the farm hands, both white and black, are working with a vim. The last season having proved somewhat disastrous on account of drought and "worms" late in the season and "hoppers" early in the season, the crop was cut off very nearly one-third. The majority of farmers made no money, while some came out behind. There seems now to be a general disposition to repair damages. With a good stock of meat and bread on hand, the outlook is certainly cheerful.

A very large acreage, comparatively, of Irish potatoes is being planted, and should no untoward circumstance intervene, the crop will be double, perhaps triple, of that of last year. This crop will bring a considerable amount of money into the county at a time when it "will do the most good."

In addition to the potato crop, experiments are being made in raising early garden vegetables, such as peas, beans and tomatoes. A buyer from St. Louis is already on the ground, making his arrangements for the purchase of this kind of produce, and also potatoes. So soon as it becomes known abroad that Washington county produces largely of this description of produce, plenty of buyers from other markets will come here abundantly supplied with cash to pay for all that can be raised.

Taking everything into consideration, the present season opens with more favorable auspices than any since the late unpleasantness.

The Galveston News suggests that Galveston would be the most proper place for holding the next State convention, and puts forth in glowing colors the many advantages offered by that city, the railroad connections, the hotel accommodations, the large hall, the beach, etc., etc., but says not a word about the size and voracity of the Galveston mosquitoes. Galveston, however, is as accessible to all parts of the State as any other one point, except Houston.

The Banner is under obligations for a complimentary ticket to the Mardi Gras reception at Artillery Hall, Galveston, Monday, March 4th. The ticket is from the lithographic establishment of M. Strickland, Galveston, and is, in our opinion, as handsome a job as was ever gotten up in the State.

### State Convention.

Elsewhere appears the circular letter of Major Joseph D. Sayers, chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee, to the members of the committee throughout the State asking for advice as to the time and place at which the next State convention shall be held. There has been some talk in the papers as to the proper time of holding the convention, concerning which there is a diversity of opinion. In our opinion the convention should be held at as late a period as will admit of a thorough canvass. A lengthy canvass results in no especial good, only tending to keep an excitement and entailing an additional expense on the party, which is at all times and under the most favorable circumstances heavy enough.

### Exciting Eastern News.

The Sultan has telegraphed to the Czar demanding an armistice. A London dispatch says, on undoubted authority, that the Russians are within twenty-four hours' march of Constantinople. Italy is prepared to make an alliance with any power that opposes Russian supremacy. The Times says, regarding Constantinople, that the Ministerial Council has determined to defend the city if attacked. The Greeks have also declared war against Turkey. The Russians captured 15,000 weapons and 50,000 Musclemen near Adrianople. No news has been received from the peace plenipotentiaries. In England the disposition seems to be to secure a settlement of peace with the concurrence of all the European powers.

The trial of the Returning Board cases is developing much crookedness. The Pinkston case is being exposed. The Republicans introduced the testimony of four witnesses, while the Democrats were allowed to examine but one. The raciality practiced will be fully exposed, and the actors in the disgraceful transaction shown up to everlasting infamy.

The beauties of "red tape" are illustrated in the following case: A Chicago man failed. Among other things belonging to him were six hundred dollars worth of ice. The marshal kept watch over the ice till it melted, and then brought in a bill for six hundred and seventy-four dollars for doing so. These were bankruptcy proceedings.

It is apparent, says the San Antonio Express, that there is an organized movement on foot in the northern part of Texas to "bulldoze" the Democracy of the State into an acceptance of Throckmorton as its candidate for Governor. Unless northern Texas can stock the State Convention, it is our opinion that Throckmorton's prospects are not better than those of several others who have been named.

The San Antonio Express says, regarding the denial of Hon. John Ireland that he will be a candidate for Lieutenant Governor, that the Seguin gentleman evidently desires to go the entire swine or take naught. It is evident that in the coming race "naught" will be his portion.

Prof. Tice has a new theory. He thinks the construction of telegraph lines through desert lands would have the effect of changing the climate and eventually the character of the soil. This is as far as we care to go with the professor's new idea.

The Brenham Daily Short has been put to snorting by the Houston Telegraph, and will soon snort its way all over Texas without the remotest possibility of ever snorting a Short in Brenham.

Now is the time to get married, the BANNER has just received a fine lot of wedding note paper and envelopes to match, also wedding cards.

### EDITORIAL NOTES.

Gen. Joe Johnston has consented to run for Congress in the Richmond, Va., district.

There is \$127,000,000 in coin now locked up in the United States Treasury vaults.

The Pope, so far from dying, has improved in health, until he is able to sit up and attend to business.

Heavy snows, ranging from a foot to a foot and a half in depth, prevail in the New England States.

The Morning Call is the latest newspaper adventure in Dallas. Harris & Roberts are the proprietors.

Mr. Lauren Dunlap retires from the ancient Civilian to take a position on the Galveston Journal of Commerce.

The ship Metropolitan stranded near Kitty Hawk, and is a total loss. Of 280 persons on board, but fifty reached the shore.

Gov. Wells is in Washington. He demands "protection at home or provision abroad." The mad governor is undoubtedly getting scared.

The steamship Abyssinia, from Liverpool to New York, brought one million in gold and a lot of United States bonds, estimated at from four to five million.

Mr. Lord, Sr., the venerable marriage, has again put in a public appearance in New York, and intends to contest the legal proceedings instituted against him by his sons.

The Londoners have selected a site for the Cleopatra Needle. The needle, however, is yet aloft, and may take a notion to sink before arriving at its destination.

While they have ripe strawberries at Galveston, grown in the open air, at Columbus, Ohio, they rejoice in a ten-inch snow. That's about all the difference there is in the climate.

Senator Coke introduced a bill to increase the appropriation by the Federal government for the purpose of providing arms and equipments for the whole body of militia.

Capt. J. B. Eads, of jetty fame, elaborated a plan on 'Change at St. Louis, by which he proposes giving a uniform depth of water of twenty feet from Cairo to the mouth of the Mississippi.

Col. G. W. Hinkle, editor of the Homeward Star, published at Atlanta, Ga., was, at last accounts, in Daingerfield hunting up subscribers. The BANNER has heretofore expressed its opinion of the Homeward Star.

The memory of Victor Emanuel was commemorated at the Cathedral in New Orleans by a requiem mass. The Italian, Spanish and Portuguese societies were present, besides a large number of distinguished persons.

Russia has accepted Austria's proposal for a conference for settling the European questions resulting from the war. The place of conference has not been determined on. The basis of the Russian conditions has been signed.

Mr. Ed. Smallwood has disposed of the Houston Age to Messrs. Joseph Smallwood and George W. King, both old printers and experienced newspaper men. It has been changed to an evening paper, with the Associated Press dispatches.

The House Committee on Pacific Railroads on Thursday continued its hearing of arguments on the Texas and Pacific and Southern Pacific bills. James H. Storr and C. P. Huntington made addresses in favor of their respective schemes.

Ex-Gov. Wells, familiarly known as Mad Wells, has gone off somewhere and lost himself. He should, by all means, come home, as the Criminal Court, at New Orleans, has a little private business with him in regard to certain "Returning Board" transactions.

The Galveston News says inquiry was made yesterday of the president of the G. C. and S. F. railway, as to the progress in securing subscriptions, and failed to elicit information of any real progress being made since last report.

Judge S. to 7 Bradley, after hearing all the facts and records in the Returning Board case, has declined to interpose. The members of the Returning Board are, therefore, abandoned to the tender mercies of the laws of Louisiana.

The Rockdale Co-operative Association, composed of nearly all the county of Milan, has been indicted for dealing in tobacco without a license. They took out a license in the name of the association, when it appears that each member's name should have been given.

The newspaper paradise of Texas has been removed from Bonham to Dallas. The latter place now boasts more newspapers than any other city in Texas—five dailies, six weeklies, three religious, one German and one monthly.

The Returning Board members now under trial at New Orleans are attempting a flank movement by applying to Justice Bradley to issue a writ of prohibition, taking the matter out of the hands of the State Courts and transferring it to the United States Court, presided over by the illustrious Bradley of 8 to 7 fame. Meanwhile the case proceeds in the State court.

Galveston News: The progress of affairs relating to the extension of the G. C. and S. F. railroad and the construction of the Galveston and Cameron railway, though rather slow, seems to possess a good deal of public confidence, and something more definite and satisfactory is expected to transpire soon.

### Congressional.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31.—Senate.—A number of petitions from the interior of New York favoring the silver bill and repeal of resumption, were presented.

A resolution thanking Stanley, the African explorer, was passed.

Mr. Maxey called up the bill appropriating two hundred thousand dollars for the erection of suitable posts for the protection of the Rio Grande frontier, which was passed.

Several amendments to the silver bill were ordered printed. Senate adjourned to Monday.

House.—Bills regulating the pay of postmasters were referred. The West Point Academy's appropriation bill was discussed.

### The Next State Convention.

The following letter, which is published in the Galveston News, 1st inst., explains itself: BASTROP, January 30, 1878.

To the Members of the Democratic State Executive Committee: You are requested to advise me by letter, at your earliest convenience, as to the time and place at which the next Democratic State Convention should be held. Respectfully,

JOSEPH D. SAYERS, Chairman of the Democratic State Executive Committee.

The Fort Worth Standard contains an account of a dastardly murder committed in Cleburne. It appears that a man named Stone men an offensive man, a bricklayer, on the street, and without the least warning dealt him a blow in the neck with a knife. The wounded man died in a few moments. The murderer at once mounted a very fine and fleet horse and made good his escape. The murder is said to have been entirely unprovoked. The citizens of Cleburne are greatly excited over this affair.

NEW BAKERY.—We call attention to the advertisement of Messrs. Sloan & Otto, who have opened a new bakery and confectionery store on Main street. Mr. Otto is a practical baker and confectioner, and has taken several premiums at the State Fair for superior work in his line.

### STATE NEWS.

Fort Worth has another daily paper, called the Evening Journal.

Several arrests for horse stealing have been made in the vicinity of Giddings.

The melodious strains of the Italian organ grinder can now be heard in the Island city.

The Victoria Advocate reports the shipment of sixty fat steers, intended for the Havana market.

It is officially announced that Judge Devine will not consent to be a candidate for Governor.

When the Fort Worth Standard puts on a new local, he, the loco, introduces himself in a salutatory.

Waco had a small-pox scare. There was one case, and the attending physician says it was only varioloid.

The banquet given by the Knights Templar at Austin is described by the papers as having been a magnificent affair.

The express agent at Jacksonville was robbed of a package containing \$1,000. He doesn't know how it was done.

Hydrophobia is said to be raging in Bosque county among the stock. Cattle, horses, sheep and hogs being affected by it.

Active preparations are now being made for the municipal canvass in Galveston. A number of aldermen are to be elected.

A Greenback Club has been organized in Galveston. The industrial element of society are eligible to membership.

The Waco Examiner says most emphatically: "We have not yet presented any man's name as a candidate for Governor."

The Daingerfield Banner favors the repainting of the entire town of Daingerfield. Perhaps he has an interest in a paint shop.

Every hotel and boarding house in San Antonio is crowded, and hundreds of strangers have to seek accommodation at private houses.

Dallas has an active Greenback Club. Down here we would like to have a few more greenbacks without the interposition of a club.

The Central City Guards and Waco Greys having concluded that one military company is enough for Waco, have agreed to consolidate.

Eggs are retailing in Galveston at 12½ cents a dozen. The Island hens are overworking themselves, and reaping but a small reward for their labor.

A detachment of the Frontier battalion lately arrived at Jackboro, having in charge four horse thieves arrested in Cottell county, which is located in the Pan Handle.

The big hogs have been found at last. They were killed in Burleson county. One man killed three, from which he realized ten gallons of lard, or about twenty-six pounds to each hog.

The San Antonio Express says a telegram has been received announcing the suspension of the First National Bank of Kansas City. This bank had large dealings with the stock dealers of Western Texas.

A San Antonio special to the Galveston News, says there was seventeen robbers engaged in the recent raid. There was no politics about it. They were all Mexican citizens. None of them have yet been seen in Laredo.

The Knights Templar completed the business of their meeting, and adjourned at Austin on the 1st inst. The following officers were appointed: J. P. Harrison, of Galveston, Standard Bearer; F. H. Page, of Dallas, Sword Bearer; M. J. Morphy, of Sherman, Warden, A. W. Spencer, of Corsicana; Guard.

Square meals for 25 cents at the Phoenix Restaurant.

The Galveston News says there is a rumor about to be published in the paper, that the Returning Board members are to be indicted for dealing in tobacco without a license.

Mr. H. M. Stringfellow, who lives in Galveston, has a few vines of strawberries growing in the open air that are now bearing ripe fruit. It seems that the vines were planted as an experiment.

A fire broke out in Bryan at 2 o'clock on Thursday morning, burning Derrin's confectionary store on Main street, and Mitchell Bros' gun-shop. Wooden buildings; no insurance. Loss estimated at \$3000. Supposed to be the work of an incendiary.

The Waco Telephone says that in Bosqueville Precinct local option was voted for a year ago, and that the probabilities are that at the next vote it will be defeated, as the consumption of liquor was greater under local option than under the old law.

In Houston, a day or two since, a lot of small boys were engaged in teasing an old crazy negro; the negro lost his temper and turning on one of them pushed him out in the street just in time to be run over by a passing carriage, and, it is feared, he is fatally injured.

Dallas has a precocious youth. His name is Little Tom. He is a bell boy at one of the hotels, and becoming offended at a gentleman he drew his knife, so that the gentleman was compelled to put the young rooster out of doors. Such boys as this one usually find their way to the penitentiary.

Mr. Louis Horst, one of the oldest and most respected citizens of Austin is dead. He was about 75 years of age, and was one of the earliest settlers on the Colorado river, having located where Austin now stands some forty years ago. At the time he went to Austin the Indian were not only numerous but troublesome.

The La Grange Record, speaking of the coming municipal election in its town, says we hear there are plenty of candidates for the office of Mayor and Town Constable, and from present appearances the race will be a lively one. It says all it asks is a good set of men who will faithfully execute the corporation laws.

The most boastful men sometimes come to grief. A man named Harris murdered his brother in Montague county and fled, leaving a note stating that it would be useless to follow him, but it did so to bring along the whole State of Texas. This proved to be an idle threat, as Officer Spence arrested him single handed.

The Hempstead District Court has adjourned. Willie Wheeler, charged with killing Dan Thorp, a year ago, was acquitted. The grand jury indicted the gamblers, and the gamblers in turn, filed informations against a majority of the grand jurors; also, against the county attorney himself. Three penitentiary convictions were had during the term.

Victoria Advocate: Snyder Bros., of Round Rock, who last season made heavy purchases of young cattle in this section, are preparing to start their herds to Wyoming Territory. Their drive this season will amount to 25,000 head. Mr. McNamara, during the year just closed, shipped 298,346 pounds of hides and 48,092 pounds of wool. Other merchants also made large shipments. Several gentlemen from Massachusetts are in Goliad county, with the intention of making large purchases of land for the establishment of a colony of New Englanders.

Billiards.—Hirschberg's elegant billiard saloon is free for the use of his customers.

Mr. CALLOWAY is taking better pictures than was ever taken in Brenham.

"We call the attention of our readers to the advertisement of Simmons' Liver Regulator, which appears in to-day's paper. This standard remedy does not deserve to be classed with the many patent nostrums so liberally advertised throughout the country. It is one of the very best preparations of its kind in use; and is recommended by the regular practitioners of medicine. It has a large sale in this city, and can be found in all our drug stores, a bottle or package should be found in every family, as its judicious use is almost certain to prevent a bilious attack, if taken when the symptoms first show themselves." Purchasers should be careful to see that they get the genuine, manufactured only by J. H. Zallin & Co., Philadelphia.

No DOUBT OF IT.—Portraits of friends and relatives in all ages were and are desirable, but before the days of Daguerotype, and subsequently of Photography, the prices of pictures were too high for any but the rich to indulge in—that has all been changed by the development of photography to its present state of excellence and the cheapness of its products, thus placing the much desired likenesses of our parents, sisters, brothers, children and friends within the reach of every one. We all recognize the fact that when we want pictures taken, we WANT THE BEST, they can only be obtained in Brenham at Robertson & Co. gallery, opposite Mrs. Schwarz's millinery bazar.

If you want the best pictures you ever had taken go to Calloway's Gallery and you will be satisfied.

Just received full and complete assortment of embroideries, laces, silk handkerchiefs, flannels, ties, gloves, corsets, notions of every description, sold very cheap, at D. W. Bloombargh's.

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### BRENNHAM CARDS.

D. G. SMITH, SADDLE-TREE MAKER. Brenham, Texas. All orders filled promptly at living prices. Patronage solicited. Feb. 12/78

GEORGE NELSON, Barber and Hair-Dresser, Ant street, under the Central House, Brenham, Tex.

Shaving, shampooing, dying and hair cutting done to order. Patronage solicited. Jan. 20/78

WILLIAM ZEISS, Baker and Confectioner, Main Street, Brenham, Texas.

Dealer in Staple and Fancy Groceries, Wines, Liquors, Lager Beer, etc. Best, fresh Cakes and Pies on hand at all times.

B. ELDRIDGE & CO., WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN Groceries and Provisions, Brenham, Texas.

A full and complete Stock always on hand, for sale at BOTTOM PRICES for THE CASH. Give us a trial, Oct. 1874.

MRS. D. PETERS, Dealer in Fancy Groceries, Fruits, Nuts, Cigars and Tobacco, Crockery, Glass and Queensware, Under Central Hotel, Brenham, Texas.

Cash paid for butter, chickens, eggs and domestic fruits. The Patronage of the public solicited. Oct. 8-7

WM. SCHURENBERG, Blacksmith, and manufacturer of AGRICULTURAL IMPLEMENTS, Brenham, Texas.

Special attention given to House SHOEING, general job work and repairing. Terms liberal. Shop near Maynard's Livery Stable. June 18, '74.

Murphy & Brown, House, Sign and Banner Painters; Plain and Decorative Paper Hangers.

Main St., opposite Zeln's Bakery. We guarantee to do the Cheapest and Best work, and would request parties wanting anything in our line to examine our work before employing any one. We also manufacture in order Show Window Shades. Oct. 10/74

H. FRANK, DEALER IN Guns, Pistols and Ammunition and manufacturer of Fire and Burglar Proof Safes, Ant street, Brenham, Texas.

Guns, Pistols and Safes repaired at short notice. Iron doors and window blinds made to order. All kinds of cartridges and ammunition kept on hand. October 19, 77-78.

A. STELZIG, SADDLER, and Harness Manufacturer, Opposite Newbome's Store, BRENNHAM, TEXAS.

SADDLES, Harness, Whips, Spurs, Girths, Bridles, Collars, Hames, Traces, Saddle Bags, etc., always on hand for sale. Repairing a specialty. All work warranted. A. STELZIG.

M. A. HEALY, DEALER IN GENERAL Hardware, CUTLERY, EDGE TOOLS, Farming Implements, Castings, Hoes, Chains, Iron, Steel, COOKING AND HEATING STOVES, Store Furnishings and Tinware, of all kinds. Paints, Oils, Varnishes and window Glass, Buggy and Wagon material. Babler Belling, from 14 to 18 inches wide, Packing of all kinds, and all articles pertaining to the Hardware business. Feb. 11 34 1/2 street, Brenham

REICHHARDT & SEELHORST, BRENNHAM, TEXAS, TIN & SHEET IRON WORKERS, DEALERS IN GENERAL HARDWARE, House Furnishing Goods, Pumps of all descriptions, Cooking and Heating Stoves, in large variety.

wrought Iron Pipe and Steam Fittings cut and fitted to order. Roofing and spouting done at short notice. Thankful for the liberal patronage bestowed upon the old firm, we respect fully solicit a continuance of the same. Brenham, July 26th, 1878.

JOE WORK of all descriptions done with dispatch at their place.